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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2152  
Docket No.: 1573.1005**

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In re the Application of:

Yoshiko AKAZAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/840,151

Group Art Unit: 2174

Confirmation No. 3422

Filed: April 24, 2001

Examiner: Pesin, Boris M.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING VIRTUAL WORLD CUSTOMIZED FOR  
USER

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on August 5, 2004. A one-month extension of time is filed herewith, thereby extending the period for response to Sunday, September 5, 2004. Monday, September 6, 2004 was a Federal Holiday.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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